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Notice of Public Meeting, North Slope Science Initiative -- Science Technical Advisory Panel

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management Alaska, North Slope Science Initiative, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the U.S. Department of the Interior, North Slope Science Initiative (NSSI) - Science Technical Advisory Panel (STAP) will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The meeting will be held May 9-10, 2016, in Barrow, Alaska. The meeting will be held in the Iñupiat Heritage Center, 5421 Northstar St., Barrow, AK 99723. The meeting will begin on Monday, May 9, 2016, at 1:00 PM and again on Tuesday, May 10, at 8:30 AM. There will be an opportunity for public comment from 4:30 to 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 9. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Denny Lassuy, Acting Director, North Slope Science Initiative, Bureau of Land Management, 222 W. Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, AK 99513, (907) 271-3212 or email dlassuy@blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to leave a message or

question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NSSI STAP provides advice and recommendations to the NSSI Oversight Group regarding priority information needs for management decisions across the North Slope of Alaska. These priority information needs may include recommendations on inventory, monitoring, and research activities that contribute to informed resource management decisions. This meeting will include interagency coordination on planned 2016 and 2017 research and monitoring projects, plus discussions and updates on the ongoing North Slope Development Scenarios Project, the Arctic Waterway Safety Committee's effort to develop a communications protocol to reduce potential conflicts between research vessels and subsistence users, and a Barrow Area Information Database presentation on their Decision Support Tools Development project. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation, transportation, or other reasonable accommodations, should contact the NSSI Director. The public may present written comments to the STAP through the NSSI Acting Director. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

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